

TABLE 6. PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY—Continued
(\$ in millions)

| Operational component | FY2003 Enacted | FY2004 Request | FY2004 House | FY2004 Senate | FY2004 Conf. |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Counter-terrorism fund | 160 | 40 | 20 | 20 | 10 |
| Emergency Preparedness and Response | 3,373 | 4,352 | 5,110 | 3,603 | 4,402 |
| Admin; regional operations | 798 | 165 | 169 | — | 171 |
| Operating expenses | — | — | — | 827 | — |
| Prepare, mitigation, response & recovery | — | 163 | 363 | 150 | 225 |
| Public health programs | 498 | 434 | 484 | — | 484 |
| Biodefense countermeasure (current year) | — | 890 | 890 | — | 890 |
| (advance appropriations) | — | (4,703) | (4,703) | — | (4,703) |
| Biodefense countermeas. (10-year total) | — | (5,593) | (5,593) | — | (5,593) |
| Grant programs | 169 | 300 | 200 | 165 | 180 |
| Emergency food and shelter | 152 | 153 | 153 | 153 | 153 |
| Firefighter assistance grants | 745 | — | 760 | — | — |
| Disaster relief | 776 | 1,956 | 1,800 | 1,956 | 1,800 |
| National pre-disaster mitigation fund | — | — | — | — | 150 |
| Flood map modernization fund | 149 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| National flood insurance fund | 89 | 90 | 91 | 110 | 110 |
| Disaster assistance direct loan program | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cerro Grande Fire claims | — | — | — | 38 | 38 |
| Misc. adj.; rescissions; transfers; rounding | —4 | — | — | 3 | — |
| Subtotal: Title III (current year, net) | 6,769 | 7,950 | 8,643 | 7,261 | 8,449 |

Note: Rounding may affect totals. Amounts for FY2004 do not include a 0.59% across-the-board reduction called for by conferees on H.R. 2673 (Consolidated Appropriations for FY2004), to which the House has agreed, and which awaits Senate action (see page 10).

Source: H. Rept. 108-169; S. Rept. 108-86; H. Rept. 108-280 (Conference report).

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REICHERT). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. OSBORNE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFazio) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFazio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the time of the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFazio).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

KATRINA DISASTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to join in the remarks of my colleague about the intensity of feeling that we have for the people of Louisiana and Mississippi and Alabama and, of course, Florida on the first stop of Hurricane Katrina and the situation that has unfolded literally before our very eyes.

I should also take a moment to commend the journalists who have facilitated us being able to see what has unfolded. Part of what has unfolded is sheer incompetence on the part of this administration, and the feelings that the people are experiencing result from the fact that we have an administration who let the American people down, who let the people in Louisiana,

Mississippi, Alabama and Florida down, and just will not say We let you down. We made a mistake. They, instead, try to defend the indefensible.

Part of the late response comes from the fact that 40 percent of the Mississippi National Guard are in Iraq; 35 percent for those of Louisiana are in Iraq; 26 percent of the Florida National Guard are in Iraq; and 23 percent of the Alabama National Guard are in Iraq.

I have seen the interviews that have been done by Aaron Broussard of Jefferson Parish and Malik Rahim in New Orleans proper. Aaron Broussard said, "We have been abandoned by our own country." Investigative journalists sent information to me that Customs' Blackhawk helicopter pilots were livid because they were not allowed to rescue people.

And then in the matter of attitude, and of course, I will be speaking more at length on this on Thursday in a 1-hour special order, but in attitude, FEMA Chief Michael Brown had the nerve to say, No one was clairvoyant enough to foresee this happening. But there have been studies, there have been articles, and this is his job to foresee this happening. I have got articles from National Geographic and Scientific American all saying exactly what happened and what we witnessed unfolding. And then he had the unmitigated gall to say that people must take some responsibility.

Well, Mr. Brown, you need to take responsibility.

And, Mr. Bush, you need to take responsibility.

The Times-Picayune has called for Mr. Brown's firing, and I have to say that they are absolutely correct. And I would just like to ask this administration to just admit that they messed up instead of appearing before the American people with all kinds of excuses about what they did and what they did not do, and we are not going to revisit the past, we are going to make sure we move forward or we look forward. There are a million people who have been affected by this, dispersed all over our country. The State of Georgia has received and is receiving thousands of

them. The Fourth Congressional District is receiving as many of them as we can. The City of Atlanta has opened its arms to the victims of this administration.

With interest, I note, on the State Department Web site, that they provide us a clue as to when we are seeing misinformation, and what they tell us is that we are being misinformed when we are being told something that is clearly not true. What the administration has said to us tonight, in many instances, is clearly untrue.

And let me just say that it is unconscionable that the Secretary of Energy could stand before us tonight and say that he does not know how to bring down gas prices, which was the original reason that I asked for this 5 minutes tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind all Members to address their remarks to the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the time of the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?